

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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Representative Rick Renzi (R - Arizona, 1st District) has introduced H.R. 3365 titled “The Fallen Patriots Tax Relief Act of 2003.” This legislation passed the House of Representatives on October 29, 2003 on a lopsided bi-partisan vote of 413-0.

H.R. 3365 seeks to increase the death gratuity payable with respect to deceased members of the Armed Forces and to exclude such gratuity from gross income. The bill honors Veterans and their families by acknowledging sacrifices made by members of the Armed Forces, especially in the case of sacrifices through loss of life, and are worthy of meaningful expressions of gratitude the U.S. government. The military death gratuity payment is tax exempt in order to assist families of fallen patriots to continue the quality of life during their greatest time of need. The death gratuity has been increased from \$6,000 up to \$12,000 and shall apply to deaths that occurred on or after September 11, 2001.

I, THEREFORE MOVE, THAT the Board of Supervisors support H.R. 3365 and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to send a letter of support to California’s two U.S. Senators and to President George W. Bush urging that they take quick action of support and seek early enactment of this important legislation.

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